Check on loss of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India

1359. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangement to check the quantity and quality of foodgrains stored in godowns/lease houses of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) the quantum of loss of foodgrains detected as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of punishment, if any, given to those responsible for such losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) There is a regular and periodical physical verification of the stocks in the Food Corporation of India both in terms of bags and quantity. The verification is conducted by peripheral count and by weighment under the Random Sampling Method (RSM). A detailed procedure for periodical inspection of stocks for determining health and quality is also prescribed. The stocks are inspected and classified. category-wise periodically.

(b) The storage losses of foodgrains for the last three years are as under:—

(Quantity in lakh MTs)

Year	Quantity issued	Storage loss	%age of storage loss to quantity issued
1983-84	355·1	2·08	0·59
1984-85	301·7	1·80	0·60
1985-86	416·3	1·95	0·47
	1073·1	5·83	0·54

(c) The data regarding officials penalised due to their responsibility for storage losses is not separately kept. The officials who have been penalised under minor and major penalties during 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto May, 1987) are as follows:—

Year	Major	Minor	Total
1985	430	348	778
1986	431	418	849
1987	196	244	440